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Patent

Attorney's Docket No. MA3005-0031

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Ryota SUGIMOTO ) **MAIL STOP AF**  
Application No.: 09/870,672 ) Group Art Unit: 3764  
Filed: June 1, 2001 ) Examiner: Mathew, Fenn C.  
For: IMPLANTABLE TUBULAR DEVICE ) Confirmation No.: 8651  
)

Commissioner for Patents  
**MAIL STOP AF**  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR §1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>[Fee for Small Entity]</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: **\$ 120.00**

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

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Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

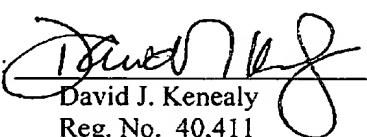
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	23	Minus	35	0	x \$18 each=	+ \$0
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	3	Minus	4	0	x \$88 each=	+ \$0
[ ] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)				\$300.00	+ \$0	
Fee for One Month Extension of Time =					\$120	
Appeal Brief Fee under 37 C.F.R. 41.20(b)(2)					\$500	
					TOTAL FEE =	
					\$ 620	

Fee Payment

[X] The Commissioner is authorized to receive full payment of **\$620** (\$120 fee for Petition for One-Month Extension of Time and \$500 filing fee for Brief in support of Appeal) from Applicant's representative's credit account for which a form PTO-2038 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,  
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